



ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A ~~method and apparatus are provided for generating and updating a concept dictionary~~ [[140]] is generated and/or updated in respect of an information system ~~125 and for using that system.~~ The concept dictionary is used to assist in selecting queries and query terms for use in interrogating ~~that the~~ information system [[125]]. A lexical reference source [[115]] is first used to generate queries semantically related to a query [[110]] entered by a user, and the answers returned for each query are ~~analysed~~ analyzed using a fuzzy processing technique [[135]] to determine semantic relationships between the queries. The queries and the determined relationships are recorded in a concept dictionary [[140]] for subsequent use.